

2006 APPROVED
WORK PLAN, MEETING SCHEDULE AND BUDGET
for the
LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Membership

The Legislative Health and Human Services Committee was created by Section 2-13-1 NMSA 1978 to study programs, agencies, policies, issues and needs relating to health and human services, including review and study of the statutes, constitutional provisions, regulations and court decisions governing such programs, agencies and issues. The committee was also created to study the full continuum of programs and services available and needed for children, families and the aging population. Committee members are:

Rep. Danice Picraux, Chair
Sen. Dede Feldman, Vice Chair
Sen. Rod Adair
Rep. William "Ed" Boykin

Rep. Keith J. Gardner
Sen. Steve Komadina
Sen. Mary Kay Papen
Rep. Jim R. Trujillo

Advisory Members:

Sen. Sue Wilson Beffort
Rep. Ray Begaye
Rep. Gail Chasey
Rep. Kandy Cordova*
Rep. Miguel P. Garcia
Sen. Clinton D. Harden, Jr.
Rep. John A. Heaton
Sen. Timothy Z. Jennings
Sen. Linda M. Lopez

Rep. Antonio Lujan
Rep. James Roger Madalena
Rep. Terry T. Marquardt
Rep. Rick Miera
Sen. Gerald Ortiz y Pino
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Edward C. Sandoval
Sen. Leonard Tsosie
Rep. Luciano "Lucky" Varela*
Rep. Gloria C. Vaughn

Work Plan

During the 2006 interim, the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee will concentrate on the areas of health care reform, workforce and resources problems, long-term health and children's health. It will:

- (1) explore ways to expand insurance coverage to increase the number of New Mexicans covered by insurance, thereby reducing demands on emergency care;
- (2) oversee and evaluate the performance of the new statewide providers of behavioral health care;
- (3) consider means of preventing health problems and hunger;
- (4) study geographic, racial and gender disparities in health care availability and consider means of reducing the disparities;

(5) thoroughly explore and begin to prepare for the steamroller effect of demands on health care from a rapidly aging population;

(6) oversee care and coverage plans for those with long-term or chronic disabilities;

(7) consider the adequacy of health care planning and funding for children through age 21; and

(8) recommend legislation or changes, if they are found to be necessary, to the legislature.

Committee members plan to travel to Silver City in August to observe the disparities between rural and urban health care, and to observe border health and community health services. Members also plan to travel to Espanola for discussion of children's issues.

The committee requests approval to create a subcommittee to hear, when necessary, items of interest to the public that do not involve its current top priorities. The subcommittee can then make recommendations to the committee on its evaluations of the presentations for those seeking committee endorsement.**

2006 Approved Meeting Schedule and Budget

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Voting</u>	<u>Budget</u>
			<u>Advisory</u>
June 20	Santa Fe (one day)	\$2,723	\$ 6,295
July 24-26	Santa Fe	5,027	11,479
August 28-30	Silver City	6,244	14,268
September 25-27	Santa Fe	5,027	11,479
November 1-3	Espanola and Jemez	5,093	11,565
November 20-22	Santa Fe	<u>5,027</u>	<u>11,479</u>
	Total	\$29,141	\$66,565***
	Expert testimony	<u>5,000</u>	
	Grand total:	\$34,141	\$66,565***

*The legislative council approved the appointment of Representative Luciano "Lucky" Varela as an advisory member to replace Representative Kandy Cordova.

**The legislative council approved creation of the subcommittee, to meet on the same days as regularly scheduled meetings.

***The legislative council approved \$55,000 for advisory committee members.